

Dear Commerce Committee,

My name is Robin Cannamela. I am the President of Desmond's Army Animal Law Advocates in Ct.

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I am imploring you to vote NO on HB 5263.

Connecticut used to be progressive in recognizing animal cruelty.

In the past few years CT has taken steps backwards in the fight against animal cruelty in both the courts and legislation.

This bill is an egregious mistake that not only perpetuates animal cruelty but takes the state yet another step backwards.

Rabbits are third on the list of popularity for household pets.

Grocery store chains stopped selling rabbit meat due to public pressure.

The rest of the country moves forward acknowledging rabbits as pets while CT considers more antiquated and cruel legislation.

Please use forward thinking and vote NO on HB 5263

Respectfully,

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